

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2805**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Olsen**  
**(Coauthor: Assembly Member Gray)**  
(Coauthor: Senator Cannella)

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An act to add Title 11.8 (commencing with Section 14190) to Part 4 of the Penal Code, relating to cargo theft.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2805, as introduced, Olsen. Cargo theft: prevention program.

Existing law establishes the Motor Carriers Safety Improvement Fund and provides that the fund is available for appropriation by the Legislature to cover the costs for the Department of the California Highway Patrol to deter commercial motor vehicle cargo thefts and provide security of highway carriers and cargoes throughout the state.

This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enhance crime prevention efforts by establishing a pilot program to strengthen the ability of law enforcement agencies in California to detect and monitor cargo theft crimes, and to authorize a cargo theft crime prevention program that provides for the protection and safety of California businesses and citizens by creating statewide standards and methods of detecting and tracking cargo theft crime.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Title 11.8 (commencing with Section 14190) is added to Part 4 of the Penal Code, to read:

TITLE 11.8. CARGO THEFT CRIME PREVENTION  
PROGRAM

14190. (a) It is the intent of the Legislature in enacting this title to enhance crime prevention efforts by establishing a pilot program to strengthen the ability of law enforcement agencies in California to detect and monitor cargo theft crimes.

(b) The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:

(1) California has experienced an escalation in cargo theft crimes and there has been no concentrated effort applied to the prevention of cargo theft crimes.

(2) According to media reports, the state loses five million dollars (\$5,000,000) to six million dollars (\$6,000,000) per day in cargo theft. These crimes impact all sectors of California's economy, including agriculture, retail, and technology.

(3) Local law enforcement agencies do not possess the jurisdictional authority, investigative facilities, or data systems to coordinate a comprehensive approach to the state's cargo theft crime problem.

(4) The proliferation of cargo theft crimes in the state is a threat to the vitality of our economy. Cargo theft crime, if left unchecked, endangers multiple industries that are vital to America's continued economic role in the world, and therefore requires a proactive response from the Legislature.

(c) It is further the intent of the Legislature to authorize a cargo theft crime prevention program in this title that provides for the protection and safety of California businesses and citizens by creating statewide standards and methods of detecting and tracking cargo theft crime.